

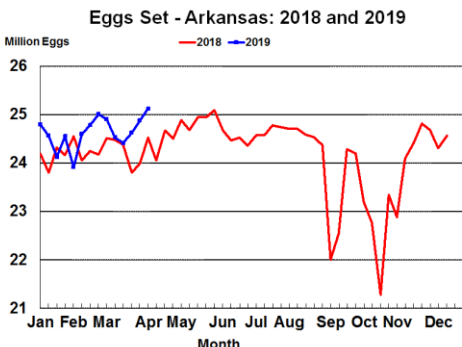
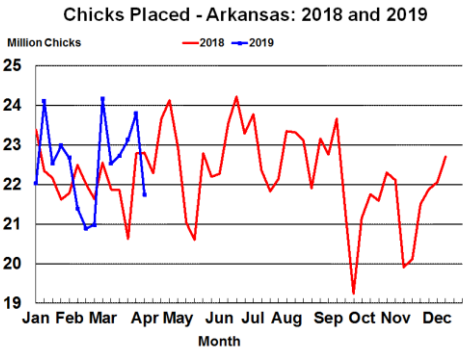


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Chick Placements Down 5 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 21.7 million during the week ending April 6, 2019. Placements were down 5 percent from the comparable week in 2018 and down 9 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 25.1 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending April 6, 2019, up 2 percent from the same period last year and up 1 percent from the previous week.



Broiler-Type Eggs Set and Chicks Placed - Selected States and United States: 2019

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	9-Mar	16-Mar	23-Mar	30-Mar	6-Apr	9-Mar	16-Mar	23-Mar	30-Mar	6-Apr
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	29,911	30,006	30,327	30,476	29,862	21,097	21,851	21,313	22,651	23,071
Arkansas	24,522	24,410	24,621	24,875	25,122	22,522	22,721	23,122	23,794	21,738
Delaware	5,326	5,489	5,490	5,490	5,384	5,204	6,034	5,642	5,414	5,203
Florida	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,334	1,230	1,324	1,320	1,321
Georgia	35,077	35,021	34,100	35,116	35,239	28,857	27,458	27,773	27,036	27,236
Kentucky	7,621	7,791	7,783	7,912	7,787	6,836	6,217	6,041	6,160	5,370
Louisiana	3,803	3,773	3,682	3,652	3,652	3,275	3,293	3,290	3,320	3,307
Maryland	8,036	8,326	7,590	7,584	7,960	5,612	5,604	5,334	5,696	6,377
Mississippi	18,089	17,951	18,880	18,896	19,183	15,814	15,969	13,800	14,359	15,260
Missouri	8,717	8,151	8,549	8,151	8,431	6,140	6,503	5,522	5,472	5,631
N. Carolina	24,153	24,260	24,253	24,173	23,826	18,720	19,693	19,130	18,912	18,939
Oklahoma	7,585	7,885	7,643	7,696	7,252	3,728	3,552	4,566	3,988	4,983
Pennsylvania	5,215	5,264	5,025	4,664	4,667	3,858	3,907	3,868	3,853	3,847
S. Carolina	5,936	5,926	6,036	5,774	5,840	4,206	4,191	4,909	5,174	5,333
Texas	17,359	17,405	17,267	17,430	17,374	13,875	13,812	13,862	13,779	14,193
Virginia	6,469	6,394	6,459	6,318	6,467	5,603	5,250	5,669	5,619	5,626
CA,TN & WV	12,811	12,699	12,120	12,463	12,398	9,832	11,186	10,876	10,776	11,321
Other States	9,831	10,151	9,766	9,926	9,506	7,705	7,289	7,522	7,774	8,020
U.S. Total	231,655	232,096	230,785	231,790	231,144	184,218	185,760	183,563	185,097	186,776
% of Prev. Year	102	102	102	102	101	101	102	100	101	102

Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 231 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 6, 2019, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.3 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 187 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 6, 2019, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 5, 2019 through April 6, 2019 for the United States were 2.58 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.